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1. About 20 jet fighters with swept-back wings, 12 monoplanes painted a dark green, and two biplanes were observed at the Finow (N 53/V 08) airfield between 9 and 9:30 a.m. on 17 November 1950. (1) Except for six jet fighters all the aircraft seen were at the northern edge of the field. All the jet fighters seemed to be of the same type. The weather was foggy and there was no flying. Two fuel trucks were seen at the field, and truck

was seen in Finow.

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2. six jet fighters parked at the eastern edge of the Finow airfield in foggy weather at 4 p.m. on 29 November 1950. The aircraft were painted silver; At first the six aircraft were covered with tarpaulins. These were removed by soldiers wearing flying suits. Then a slight hissing sound, which gradually increased in volume without developing into a loud noise, was heard. Then the sound gradually decreased in intensity. No smoke was seen. Because of the foggy weather the total number of aircraft at the field could not be determined.

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3. The following aircraft were seen at the Finow airfield between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 30 November 1950: Twenty-two jet fighters with swept-back wings, parked at the northern edge of the field; six jet fighters with swept-back wings, parked at the eastern edge; six to eight conventional aircraft; four to six biplanes; four jet aircraft with conventional wings and a two-hump cabin. (3) the swept-back jet fighters parked at the eastern edge of the field. Their air intakes were divided by a vertical strut or partition, but their air exhausts were not subdivided. Some of the apertures were covered with red sheet metal. The cockpits of these planes had one seat and had an antenna rod, slanting upward and to the rear on cockpit roof. The planes were seen from a distance of about 70 meters. The jet fighters at the northern edge of the field were covered with tarpaulins. The jet fighters with conventional wings were two-seater planes, with their air exhaust under the fuselage. The conventional aircraft were fitted with a cabin faired to the rear into the fuselage, and a three-bladed propeller. There was no flying except for a U-2 which landed about 4 p.m. There was intermittent rain.

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4. The following radio installations were observed:

a. Three wooden huts and a tower 6 meters high were seen in the eastern extension of the runway, about 50 meters from the Finow-Biesenthal (N 53/2 97) road. 50X1-HUM

b. Twenty meters farther east was a radio installation with four masts about 4½ meters high, arranged in a square and 4 to 5 meters apart. The masts were each braced with two guy wires. A wooden cabin was in the middle of the masts. The antenna system could not be determined. Two standard telephone cables or electric wires ran eastward from the radio installation through the woods. These cables crossed the railroad line at km marker 43.1 on the Eberswalde (N 53/V08)-Bernau (N 53/2 96) line. 50X1-HUM

c. A radio truck with two rod antennas was standing near the six jet aircraft in the northeast corner of the field. Beside the truck was a wooden cabin, on the roof of which was a rod 5 meters high. At the top of the rod was an umbrella type aerial. The wooden cabin is believed to be used as a shelter for the crews of the aircraft. 50X1-HUM

5. There was a row of spotlights along the southern edge of the runway extending beyond its eastern end. A device about 170 cm high, the purpose of which could not be determined, was just south of the row of spotlights. Beside this device was a shelter for about four men. From there a telephone line led south along the airfield boundary. 50X1-HUM

6. A dump was noticed in a clearing west of km marker 43.1 on the Eberswalde-Bernau railroad line. Four to six temporary buildings were seen in this area which was surrounded by a fence and an earth wall. Truck was seen there. 50X1-HUM

7. Truck was seen proceeding in the direction of the airfield. Eight boxcars and six gondola cars loaded with coal were at the Finow freight station. From a remark made by the station master it appeared that the boxcars were loaded with ammunition. They were being guarded by six to eight men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Closed truck backed up to one of the boxcars and was then loaded. 50X1-HUM

3. Thirty-one jet fighters with swept-back wings, 17 fighters with radial engines, and 22 fighters with in-line engines were counted at the Finow airfield on 2 December 1950. Eighteen crates, 8x2x2 meters, and 24 crates, 2x1½x1½ meters, were seen at the Finow-North airfield on 24 and 25 November 1950. About 30 more crates of various sizes, probably used for the shipment of aircraft, were also seen. Two hangars were being constructed. Trucks were seen. 50X1-HUM

Comments.

(1) This statement indicates that there was no change in the occupation by jet aircraft. Two fighter regiments are believed to be located in Finow. There was a relatively large number of conventional aircraft stationed in Finow.

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(3) The jet aircraft with conventional wings are presumably type-16. These planes seem to have been fitted with a new type of cabin, [REDACTED]

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